



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ 11:45 - Cozy Cafe 8535 Birchwood Ct.

November 7, 2025

This Week's Program:

Surprise
Guest

Greeter:

Mark McAndrews

Invocation:

Dan Boes

Sergeant:

Wendi Wilson

Scribe:

Kelly Peterson

Future Programs

11/14: Carl Evans
DMARC

Message from the President

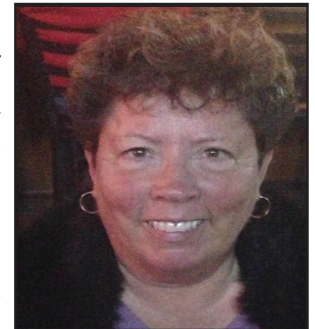
Dianne Downing



Thanks to everyone that helped with all of our volunteer efforts! Coats, clothes. It was all amazing and you should all be proud. We've helped a lot of people and made a difference.

I had fun with my costume. It made the rounds in all my local haunts and even won best costume!

We're in the need of some speakers. So if you have anybody you'd like to hear from or know of someone that would be good please contact them or let me know!



Joppa Delivery

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

LIFE TIME



Rotary Club
of Northwest
Des Moines

Clothing Drive

For the third year in a row, Rotary and Life Time are partnering for a clothing supply drive for Joppa. From Oct. 13–Nov. 3, Life Time members can donate gently used clothing to be sold at Thriftmart or given directly to our unsheltered neighbors.

Former Northwest Des Moines Rotary President Jack Bell shared, "The work Joppa does is critical to our community and aligns with our Rotarian values of 'service before self.' We're happy to organize this event and witness the generosity of Life Time members as we deliver the donated clothes to Joppa each week!"

Past drives have contributed nearly 5,000 lbs of clothes to help those in need! "Our staff and members look forward to hosting the Clothing Drive for Joppa each year," said David Case, Life Time membership concierge manager. "Joppa's impact is profound, providing vital resources and support to those in need. Life Time proudly supports organizations that champion causes making a real difference in our community."



Dianne
delivering
clothes to Joppa

Rotary Coat Drive



Coat Delivery
at CFUM



2025-26 Officers & Directors

- Dianne Downing, President
- Wendi Wilson, President Elect
- Bill W. Corwin, Treasurer
- Bill W. Corwin, Secretary
- Ed Arnold, Board Member
- Bill D. Corwin, Board Member
- Tony Hunt, Board Member
- Kelly Peterson, Board Member
- Tim Olejniczak, Past President

Upcoming Events

Let's Plant a Tree!

Other Locations

Monday

West Polk County, Food Depot, 3000 SE Grimes Blvd, Suite 200 in Grimes (Noon)

Tuesday

- Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)
- Ankeny, Magee's Irish Pub, (6:00 pm)
- Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)
- Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)
- Norwalk, City State Bank, (Noon)
- West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

Wednesday

East Polk County, Lutheran Church of the Cross (7:00 am)
Adel, Adel Public Library, 303 S. 10th St. (Noon)

Thursday

- Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)
- Des Moines, Embassy Club - Ruan Bldg, (Noon)
- Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)
- Rotary Club of HOPE, First & Third Thursday of Month (5:30 pm - Virtual Zoom Meeting)

Friday

Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club, (7:00 am)

Scribbles

Major Hull Salvation Army



Major Hull with the Salvation Army came and spoke with us this past week, he is an officer and ordained minister with the Salvation Army where he has been an officer for over 29yrs. Salvation Army is present in 136 countries and serves right around 30M people each year.

Major Hull told us how 39M individuals live in poverty (11.3% of Iowan's live in poverty) and 17.2M have had food insecurity during the year and those were 2023 numbers where he estimates that number is higher now. Some crazy stats that he shared just about Iowa that stuck out to me were: 1:13 adults in Iowa are facing hunger issues, 1:11 children are facing hunger issues in Iowa. Around 2,700 homeless people in Iowa, but the actual number is estimated to be much higher and just last year over 27,000 new individuals in Iowa needed help. Just in Iowa alone as well \$78K in cash has been given to those in need and \$1.4M in kind donations have also been donated. With Christmas right around the corner they are doing their toy shop again that in 2024 helped 795 families and gave away 10,000 toys. Their goal is to raise \$1.2 million to help with the holidays this year. If you are looking to get involved, want to know if there are any activities taking place be sure to go check out the Des Moines Salvation Army Website. Lastly, if you are looking for something to do in March be sure to look up the Des Moines Mask Singer that will be taking place again this year.

Tim Olejniczak, Scribe

Birthdays
November 7 Joe Kobes



Future Info

Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Nov 14	Tim Olejniczak	Bill D. Corwin	Bill W. Corwin	Doyle Sanders
Nov 21	Bill W. Corwin	Leray Glendenning	Jack Bell	Julia Taylor
Nov 28	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting

Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist by finding your substitute!

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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